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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE 11-4-54: Soviet Capabilities and Probable Courses of Action through Mid-1959

1. At the IAC meeting of 31 August this estimate was approved, save for certain matters of detail and the following more important points:

- (a) Conclusions, Paragraph 9. G-2 will bring in a footnote, which may receive some concurrence from A-2. G-2 believes that the Kremlin would like to see the US involved in war with Communist China, provided the USSR itself were not involved, and no disaster to Communism were likely, and the US could thereby be weakened. Other agencies agree (as who wouldn't) but believe the provisions attached make the point not worth stating. State in particular emphatically believes that the Kremlin would not consider that it could escape involvement in a serious war between the US and Communist China.
- (b) Conclusions, Paragraph 13. Adjustment of the last sentence, which is now believed to have been satisfactorily made.
- (c) Discussion, paragraph 84. Clarification of this paragraph was requested by JIG, and has been furnished. I understand that JIG is satisfied with the re-write.

2. We suggest that paragraph 185 be changed to delete references to EDC.

3. Modified tables showing performance characteristics of new Soviet bomber aircraft will be introduced at the IAC meeting, and may provoke a footnote from ONI.

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